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Atty. Dkt. No. 040388-0131

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Laurent MEIJER et al.

Title: MEANS FOR INDUCING
DIFFERENTIATION OF
SUPERNUMERARY HAIR
CELLS AND DEITTERS' CELLS
IN THE DEVELOPING ORGAN
OF CORTI

Appl. No.: 10/539,407

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous
assertion of Small Entity status.

[] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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| | Claims As Amended | | Previously Paid For | | Extra Claims Present | | Rate | | Additional Claims Fee |
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| Total Claims: | 13 | - | 20 | = | 0 | x | \$50.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims: | 1 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$200.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + | | | | | | | | | \$360.00 = \$0.00 |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL = | | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,160.00 | \$0.00 |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL: | | \$450.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d): | \$130.00 | \$0.00 |
| CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL: | | \$450.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | \$0.00 |
| Extension Fees Previously Paid: | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEE: | | \$450.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit

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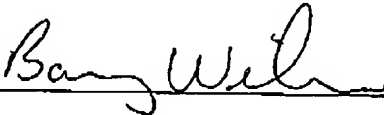
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Respectfully submitted,

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